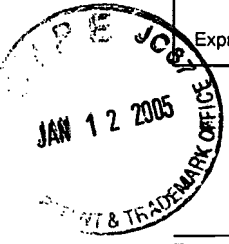


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**REMARKS**

In the Restriction Requirement dated December 22, 2004, the Examiner requests that Applicant elect one of the following groups for prosecution on the merits:

- Group I - Claims 1-26, drawn to a handle; and
- Group II - Claims 27-28 drawn to a method of forming a handle.

Applicant hereby elects Group I (Claims 1-26).

Since group I is elected, the Examiner requests that Applicant elect one of the following species for prosecution on the merits:

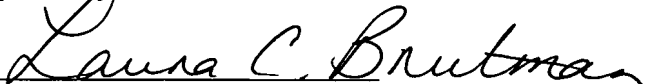
- Species I - Figure 1;
- Species II - Figure 8;
- Species III - Figure 13;
- Species IV - Figure 14;
- Species V - Figure 15;
- Species VI - Figure 16;
- Species VII - Figure 17; and
- Species VIII - Figure 19.

Applicant hereby elects species VIII, on which claims 1-26 are readable.

An action on the merits of all the elected claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested

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